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### Letter from George S. Pratt, New York, New York, to Anne Whitney, 1903 July 8

George S. Pratt

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## CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGEL

ST. NICHOLAS AVE. AND 115TH STREET

NEW YORK

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1903

REV. GEORGE STARKWEATHER PRATT,

"GRAMAM COURT"

SEVENTH AVENUE AND 116TH STREET:

TELEPHONE 732 MORRINGSIDE.

Dear Aunt Anne,

Your dear and welcome letter from Shelburne about which your postal inquiry was made has just come to light. You were not at all out of the safe and usual way in addressing it to the Church. Half any letters are addressed that way, but invariably delivered to the <sup>flat</sup> ~~Church~~. But the unusual thing happened and happened while I was away, and the letter was slipped through the slot into my rooftop office desk, of which for the past month, I have had but little use.

I would gladly have kicked the harness off for the ailments you held out and might have even done so, except that one can't do that right along, and I had been indulging in that very thing in going off to Burlington.

Maggie came down to the city on Monday afternoon - rather fagged out from the last days of getting her house in order for the tenants who took possession today - and will go to New Milford on Friday. Her Bessie goes with the house - doing second girl work for the <sup>new</sup> family.



We get over our breakfast - And take  
our dinners out, but unlike you dear two -  
we take to the most dazzling Cafés and  
restaurants - with showers of electric lights  
and waves of Hungarian band music and  
crowds of our fellow passengers - The city  
in the summer is a different thing and not  
altogether noisy. This day has been hot enough  
and Margaret has been down town in the  
heat of it all, but now after our eight o-  
clock dinner, which with the aid of the music  
and some charming acquaintances who were in  
the same boat, we managed to prolong  
for an hour and a half, - then with a  
stroll down the wide Avenue and now  
with the fresh breezes coming through all  
the open windows - it really is not so bad.

You are a dear woman And I did  
not try to make you feel anything and I  
have never happened to observe that you  
needed any one to give you a moral lift -  
And I am looking forward to some  
days with you with intense pleasure

As to your farming, however, Charles  
is anxiously on the moral side of the ques-  
tion - The first duty of a farmer is to pay a



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living to the farmer and if Charles can bring your pampered farm up to that moral point and show by his example, to other farmers how to do the same, he will be a benefactor. I fancy the whole country would take on a more self-respecting appearance, and that even your staid and conservative mountaineers would wink and nod to one another 'that that young man was on the right track.' - Even the less I am glad that you make him take down that fence. Fences are the most immoral things on the farm - they harbor all kinds of uncleanness and give no adequate return for what they cost. Shepherd boys and girls would be more effective in keeping the sheep from the corn, they would be cheaper than the fences and would add to, instead of marring the beauty of the landscape -

Margaret wants to have me say that she sends her love to you and Miss Manning and that she is too nearly asleep to write to herself - J. S. Pratt



July 8 -

G. S. Pratt